



The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency

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Senate Democrats Energy Package Is Good for Industrial Efficiency

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today a group of Senate Democrats put forward an energy bill, which includes a number of provisions that advance industrial efficiency. Specific provisions include:

- A technology-neutral tax credit that incentivizes clean energy such as renewables and combined heat and power through grant programs and tax incentives;
- Establishing a DOE grant program for projects that improve the performance and efficiency of the electric grid; and
- Providing technical assistance to identify, plan and design distributed energy systems; and
- Supporting research in activities that advance resiliency.

Alliance for Industrial Efficiency Executive Director, Jennifer Kefer, offers the following statement in response:

“The Alliance is pleased to see an energy package that will take important steps to reduce energy use and make our electricity system more resilient and secure. Combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP) systems are significantly more efficient than conventional generation, reducing electricity costs and making U.S. manufacturers more competitive. Because CHP systems can operate independent of the grid, they can help keep the lights on during extreme weather events. Senate Democrats recognized these benefits with a common-sense proposal that provides critical incentives for CHP and WHP. In particular, we support the package’s technology neutral tax provision, which will allow the CHP and WHP industries to develop low-carbon electricity for the next decade. By crediting both the heat and electric output of a CHP system, the proposal provides critical incentives for CHP, which can produce energy with a fraction of the carbon emissions of conventional power generation. The proposal also invests in research and deployment of combined heat and power to help make the nation’s infrastructure more secure. We commend Senate democrats for their leadership and thank them for investing in a clean energy future.”

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The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency is a diverse coalition of business, labor, and non-profit organizations that advocate for policies that increase U.S. manufacturing competitiveness through industrial energy efficiency, especially the use of combined heat and power (CHP) and waste heat to power (WHP).